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New U.S. Patent Application
Title: COMPARATOR UNIT FOR COMPARING VALUES OF FLOATING
POINT OPERANDS
Inventor: Guy L. Steele, Jr.

Sir:

We enclose the following papers for filing in the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above patent application.

1. Application - 33 pages (incl. abstract and cover sheet), including 3 independent claims and 22 claims total.
2. Formal Drawings - 3 sheets of drawings (Figures 1-3).
3. Declaration and Power of Attorney (2 pages).
4. Recordation Form Cover Sheet and Assignment to Sun Microsystems, Inc. (2 pages).
5. The filing fee is calculated as follows:

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Basic Application Filing Fee					\$740	\$ 740.00
	Number of Claims		Basic	Extra Claims		
Total Claims	22	-	20	2	x \$18	36.00
Independent Claims	3	-	3	0	x \$84	0.00
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\$740.00 filing fee;
\$ 36.00 additional claims fee; and
\$ 40.00 Assignment recordation fee.
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7. Applicant claims the right of priority based on Provisional Patent Application No.: 60/293,173 filed May 25, 2001.

Please address all correspondence with respect to this application to:

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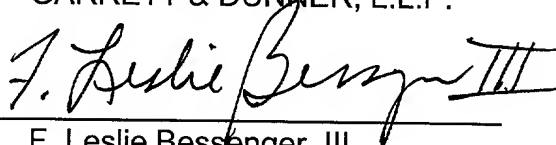
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Respectfully submitted,

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Documents attached to this certificate:

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